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Title

Sports apparatus shaft and blade with added impact protection and method of making same

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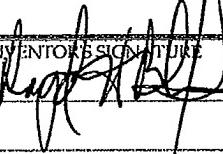
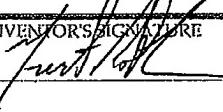
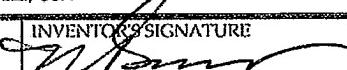
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